

Hans Te Param Hans

The Saakhi of Bhai Paro Ji



A life of devotion. A heart that guides others.

A Sikh's Question



At Khadoor Sahib, Bhai Paro Ji regularly came to sit in Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji's darbar. One day, Guru Sahib gently invited him to ask what was on his mind.

Bhai Paro Ji: Guru Sahib, what is the difference between a Hans and a Param Hans?

A Life That Uplifts Others



Guru Sahib explained through the image of a swan. A Hans represents a pure and honest life. A Param Hans holds Waheguru Ji in the heart and helps others draw closer to Waheguru Ji. The birds are a metaphor for spiritual transformation.

Guru Sahib: A Param Hans nurtures devotion within and awakens it in others.

A Heartfelt Wish



Bhai Paro Ji bowed and accepted Guru Sahib's words: Satbachan. But this was more than a question. In his heart, he longed to live such a life.

Guru Sahib: Do you wish to become a Param Hans?

Bhai Paro Ji: Guru Sahib, that is my heartfelt wish.

Faithful to the Hukam



Guru Sahib directed him to keep visiting Goindwal. Later, Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji entrusted the Guru Gaddi to Sri Guru Amar Das Ji. Bhai Paro Ji continued his visits, holding the hukam close to his heart.

Guru Sahib: Continue visiting Goindwal. One day, you will become a Param Hans.

A Journey of Love



From Dalla, Bhai Paro Ji rode to Goindwal Sahib every other day. He carried parshaday and yogurt for langar. Crossing the River Beas became part of his regular journey of love and sewa.

With Waheguru Ji in his heart, he travelled to serve Guru Sahib and the sangat.

The Flooded Beas



One day, the Beas was swollen with floodwater. Its current rushed past the banks. Nearby, Nawab Abdullah of Jalandhar and his army waited for the river to become safe to cross.

Abdullah watched the fierce waters. Even his soldiers would not venture across.

Waheguru on His Lips



In this traditional Saakhi, Bhai Paro Ji remembered Waheguru Ji and entered the river with his horse. Through the powerful waters, he reached the opposite bank. Abdullah watched, astonished by his devotion and courage.

Bhai Paro Ji: Waheguru... Waheguru... Waheguru...

A Nawab's Question



Nawab Abdullah had waited patiently with his army for Bhai Paro Ji's return. When Bhai Paro Ji returned that evening, he wanted to know how Bhai Paro Ji had jumped so fearlessly into the river and what gave him such strength.

**Nawab Abdullah: How did you jump into the river so fearlessly?
What is the source of your strength?**

The Source of His Strength



Bhai Paro Ji spoke lovingly of Sri Guru Amar Das Ji, the 3rd wonderful Guru Sahib of the Sikhs. He described the strength that came from remembering Waheguru Ji and serving Guru Sahib. Abdullah listened with growing longing.

Bhai Paro Ji: I am Guru Sahib's Sikh. Remembering Waheguru Ji fills my heart with courage.

Leave Pride Behind



Abdullah wished to meet Guru Sahib. Bhai Paro Ji explained that he should come as a humble seeker, leaving the pride of rank behind. Abdullah entrusted the army to his son and prepared to accompany him.

Abdullah: May I meet your Guru?

Bhai Paro Ji: Come with humility, as an ordinary seeker.

Across Together



Bhai Paro Ji accompanied Abdullah across the mighty Beas. The man who had watched from the bank now travelled beside him with trust. Their journey toward Goindwal had become a journey of the heart.

For Abdullah, the first change was already taking place: pride was giving way to humility.

At Guru Sahib's Darbar



At Goindwal Sahib, Abdullah bowed before Sri Guru Amar Das Ji. Guru Sahib's presence and the spirit of the sangat touched him deeply. He wished to remain and learn this way of life.

A heart once occupied with rank and power now longed for the Guru's guidance.

The Answer Revealed



Guru Sahib reminded Bhai Paro Ji of the question he had once asked Sri Guru Angad Dev Ji. Through his devotion and sangat, he had brought another heart toward the Guru. The answer was now visible in his own life.

Guru Sahib: Paro Ji, you have become a Param Hans. Through your sangat, Abdullah too is being guided across the ocean of life.

A New Life



Abdullah embraced Sikhi and gave up his ancestral position. In this account, Guru Sahib blessed him with the name Shah Yaar, friend of the Almighty, and sent him to live with Bhai Paro Ji at Dalla.

Together, they nurtured a life of simran, sewa and uplifting sangat.

A Life That Guides Others



Bhai Paro Ji became a respected Sikh preacher. Sri Guru Amar Das Ji entrusted him with a Manji at Jalandhar, a centre for teaching and guiding the sangat. His devotion continued to bless people beyond his own household.

He shared what he had received: remembrance of Waheguru Ji, humility and a life of service.

Essence of the Saakhi



A Hans lives a pure and honest life. A Param Hans allows the Guru's teaching to shape the heart and helps others grow in devotion. Bhai Paro Ji's greatness lay in the love, humility and sangat he shared.

Let the goodness you receive become goodness you share.

The Sangat We Seek Today



Who helps us remember Waheguru Ji? Whose company inspires humility, kindness and sewa? Seek those Gursikhs, learn from their example, and offer the same care to someone else. Uplifting sangat begins with how we treat one another.

Seek company that brings you closer to the Guru. Become that company for others.

Our Daily Ardaas



In Ardaas, we ask for the company of those who help us remember Waheguru Ji. May we recognise such Gursikhs, cherish their sangat, and grow into people who guide others with love.

**Sayee pyare mel jina milya tera naam chit aave.
Bring us into the company of those beloved ones who help us remember Your Naam.**

Story & Source Notes

This comic adapts the narrative supplied for Hans Te Param Hans. Dialogue is paraphrased for readability; it is not presented as a verbatim historical transcript. Illustrations are artistic interpretations of sixteenth-century Punjab.

Traditional accounts

The river crossing, Abdullah's change of heart and the name Shah Yaar follow the supplied Saakhi. Accounts of Allah Yaar differ in their description of his background and naming. The main lesson here is the power of humility, Naam, sewa and uplifting sangat.

Bhai Paro Ji's legacy

Bhai Paro Ji is remembered as a devoted Sikh and preacher associated with Dalla and the Manji system. Sikh accounts connect Mata Damodari Ji's family with his descendants. Discover Sikhism and the Rara Sahib spiritual genealogy also record a lineage connection to Bhai Daya Singh Ji; this is included as a traditional genealogy rather than an independently established family tree.

Ardaas

The closing line is a readable Roman rendering of the Ardaas passage supplied by the storyteller, followed by a simple English meaning.